



# American Airlines Safety Action Partnership (ASAP)

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## **ASAP Accident and Incident Prevention Goals**

- **Collect and analyze voluntarily provided flight safety data provided by individual line employees**
- **Provide non-punitive corrective action to prevent accidents and incidents**
- **Measure overall system performance**
- **Ensure accountability and integration with other flight safety programs**



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## Update on ASAP Program Status

- **AA Flight Department ASAP program in operation since June 1, 1994 (approximately 17,000 reports received to date)**
- **Dispatch and Maintenance & Engineering Departments added in '97 & '98**
- **Current Letter of Agreement signed by FAA February 1998**
- **Letter of Agreement will expire June 21, 1999 unless extended**



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## **ASAP Data and Information Definitions**

- **Data refers to unedited reports, facts and quantitative details associated with an event**
- **Information refers to the summaries, analyses and qualitative details derived from data and corrective actions**
- **Corrective actions refer to accident prevention measures taken in response to a safety concern**



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## **Obstacles to Safety Information Exchange**

- **FAA Legal Enforcement Policy (interpretation of Public Law 103-272)**
- **Discovery:**
  - **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)**
  - **Civil Litigation (subpoena)**



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## **Solutions to Safety Information Exchange**

- **Review and amend Public Law 103-272 as necessary to support ASAP and FOQA**
- **Ensure FAA Legal Enforcement Policy is consistent with legislative and regulatory support of ASAP and FOQA**
- **Develop ASAP and FOQA programs industry-wide**



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## **Solutions to Safety Information Exchange (cont.)**

- **Establish the following Partnership Councils:**
  - **Operators Council composed of operators and unions facilitated by the Air Transport Association**
  - **Government Advisory Council composed of FAA, NTSB and other government selected parties facilitated by NASA ASRS**



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## **Solutions to Safety Information Exchange (cont.)**

- **Provide safety data to NASA ASRS to achieve:**
  - **Limited exemption from FOIA through Exemption 4 and the Space Act Agreement**
  - **Use and transactional immunities from FAA legal enforcement (FAR 91.25)**



- ASAP
- FOQA

- Internal Audit
- Self-Disclosure

- FSAP

# Voluntary Aviation Safety Information Programs

